

Dear FCC:

I think it is an outrage that the FCC would even consider the petition that seeks to stop XM Radio from providing instant traffic and weather. Many of the local radio and television stations provide substandard reporting on traffic, weather and overall broadcasts. As a result, the consumer should be permitted to choose between the local channel or XM (for which the consumer has chosen to pay). If the FCC grants the petition, it is telling the consumer that it approves the monopoly of the local stations. If this occurs the quality of the local stations will not improve it will either stay the same or decline. Why would the local stations need to improve the quality of their reporting if they have little (other local channels) or no competition. The FCC should tell the local radio and television stations that they should improve the quality of their broadcasts and they will retain their audience and most likely new listeners. The local channels are free and consumers only pay for XM because it provides a better quality of music, sports, traffic and weather than the local channels.

I request that the FCC deny the petition seeking to stop XM from providing instant traffic and weather as set forth in NAB's petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

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